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SUBJECT: UNDP EVACUATION PLANNING

1. UNDP DESK OFFICER FOR KHMER REPUBLIC INFORMED MISOFF FEB 13 THAT UNDP HQ'S HAD RECEIVED REPORTS FROM REPS OF WHO AND UNICEF WHICH INDICATED THAT UN AND SPECIALIZED AGENCY (SA) EXPERTS WERE NERVOUS REGARDING THEIR PERSONAL SECURITY AND UNCERTAIN THAT UNDP ACTING RES REP SCHILLER HAD PREPARED EFFECTIVE CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR EVACUATION OF UN PERSONNEL. UNDP DESK OFFICER INDICATED HIS BELIEF THAT FROM PROGRAM POINT OF VIEW, CONTINUED PRESENCE IN CAMBODIA OF INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EXPERTS NOT REQUIRED SINCE THEY COULD NOT PERFORM THEIR FUNCTIONS UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. HOWEVER, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEIR WITHDRAWAL OR EVACUATION AT THIS TIME WOULD HAVE VERY SIGNIFICANT AND ADVERSE PSYCHOLOGICAL/ POLITICAL EFFECTS.

2. MISOFF SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH STATE DESK OFFICER WHO PROVIDED REASSURING SECURITY SITUATION BRIEF. GIST OF BRIEF WAS RELAYED TO UNDP OFFICER WHO REMARKED THAT IT TALLIED COMPLETELY WITH SCHILLER'S REPORTS TO UNDP AND SYG WALDHEIM. UNDP DESK OFFICER PROMISED TO BE IN CONTACT WITH MISSION SHOULD THERE BE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

3. COMMENT: ABOVE TRANSMITTED FOR EMBASSY'S INFO ONLY. LACK OF CONFIDENCE BETWEEN SA EXPERTS AND UNDP RES REPS
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OFFICE IS NOT UNUSUAL, UNDER BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

CURRENT SITUATION IN CAMBODIA UNDOUBTEDLY EXACERBATING
THIS GENERAL PROBLEM. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONLY UN SYG
CAN AUTHORIZE EVACUATION, NOT UNDP HQ'S OR RES REP.
SECURITY REPORTS AVAILABLE TO SYG APPARENTLY WILL NOT
TRIGGER ANY REVIEW OF PRESENT NEED FOR EVACUATION.
END COMMENT.
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